

These recipients have displayed a strong sense of humanity and professionalism in their work with persons with disabilities. Their efforts have inspired the lives of those whom they care for, and they are an inspiration to me as well. They have set a fine example of community service for all Americans to follow.

These honorees spend more than 50 percent of their time in direct, personal involvement with their clients. They are not primarily managers or supervisors. They are direct service workers at the forefront of America's effort to care for people with special needs. They get up and go to work every day, with little recognition, providing much needed and greatly valued care and assistance.

It is my pleasure to acknowledge the contributions of the following Illinois direct service professionals: Kimberly Brown, Janelle Cote, Margaretha Daigh, Dawn Golec, David Hamm, Pat Hartz, Sandy Hawkins, Rhonda Housman, Kathy Lambert, Kathy Lyons, Deb Minor, Valensie Parnell, Mary Beth Schultz, Marshall Sears, Kim Smith, Jayce Turner, Don Van Duyse, Junior Vieux, Clifton White, and Tijuana Wright.

I know my fellow Senators will join me in congratulating the winners of the 2000 Direct Service Professional Award. I applaud their dedication and thank them for their service.●

TAIWAN CELEBRATES NATIONAL DAY

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, next Sunday marks the eighty-ninth birthday of the Republic of China, which now resides in Taiwan. This representative government arose from a revolution against an archaic imperial system. In 1911, Chinese patriots ousted the Qing dynasty, and ignited the promise of economic and political freedom for Chinese nationalists throughout the world.

National Day, or the shuang shi, is the most important national holiday in Taiwan, for it celebrates not only a critical military victory, but a wealth of principles which, to this day, guide the governance of Taiwan—particularly: resistance to dynastic tyranny, embrace of free market enterprise, development of western-style political institutions, and ultimately, the evolution of a fully thriving democratic republic. After repeated set-backs, on October 10, 1911, the revolutionary Wuch'ang Army successfully launched a revolt against China's imperial regime. The nationalists would no longer tolerate property seizure and suppressed individual rights. Without a supreme sovereign reigning over the country, China plunged into a civil war. Although never truly resolved, this conflict stalemated in 1949, when Communists expelled Chiang Kai-shek

and the nationalists to present-day Taiwan.

After emergency martial law was lifted in 1987, the groundwork was finally laid to realize the cardinal objectives of Taiwan's founding father, Sun Yat-sen—to establish a representative Republic of China. In 1992, Taiwan held its first democratic legislative elections, followed by presidential elections in 1996. In March of this year, Taiwan held her second presidential elections, installing a wholly independent, man of the people as the leader of Taiwan—Chen Shui-bian. This man embodies the spirit of the new Republic of China on Taiwan. As mayor of Taipei, Chen Shui-bian cleaned up the capital city, attacking organized crime and other illicit industries. As a political dissident, he stood strong in the face of efforts to muzzle him. In this year's election, he inaugurated a new political order for his people.

In addition to Chen's fair elections, Taiwan has much to celebrate. As Taiwan enjoys her various National Day festivities—the huge parades, dazzling entertainment, and explosive fireworks displays—let us all celebrate the birth of true democracy in Taiwan. We salute our friends on that great island—the people of Taiwan. Please join me in saying to them Shuang shi kwai ler.●

HONORING OUR FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, firefighters from across the Nation who died in the line of duty will be remembered during the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend on October 7th and 8th at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. As in years past, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the Federal Emergency Management Agency will sponsor the nation's tribute to these valiant public servants.

The 106 firefighters to be honored this year include seven Californians. On behalf of the people of my state, I want to remember each of them in turn:

Matthew Eric Black, 20, a volunteer with the Lakeport Fire Protection District, died on June 23, 1999 when he accidentally came in contact with a downed power line during operations at a grass fire. His older brother is also a firefighter.

Stephen Joseph Masto, 28, a career firefighter with the Santa Barbara Fire Department, died on August 28, 1999 of heatstroke while working as an EMT at a wildland fire. He received the Outstanding Cadet Award at Rio Hondo Fire Academy and received a service award as a volunteer at Upland Fire Department.

Tom Moore, 38, a career firefighter with the Manteca Fire Department, died on June 16, 1999 after suffering severe trauma in a training tower fall. He had served with the department for over 14 years and was a well-known fire service instructor specializing in

heavy/confined space rescue and hazardous materials.

Karen J. Savage, 44, a volunteer firefighter/EMT with Hawkins Bar Volunteer Fire Department in Burnt Ranch, died on October 16, 1999 from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident at the scene of a wildland fire.

Martin Michael Stiles, 40, a California Department of Corrections inmate assigned to the Los Angeles County Fire Department Strike Team, died on July 18, 1999 of injuries from a fall while working at a wildland fire in Ventura County, California. A San Diego native, he was dedicated to wildland firefighting and loved the outdoors.

Tracy Dolan Toomey, 52, a 27-year veteran firefighter with the Oakland Fire Department, died on January 10, 1999 in the collapse of a burning building. A Vietnam veteran, he was an avid welder and a member of the California Artistic Blacksmith's Association.

Edward E. Luttig, 54, a member of the Sacramento Fire Department, died on September 10, 1990 from injuries sustained 23 years earlier while searching for survivors in an apartment fire. Sacramento firefighters donated their time and money to support Mr. Luttig and his family during those 23 years. His name is being added to the Memorial at the request of his friends and former colleagues.

These fallen heroes paid the ultimate price for their devotion to public service and safety. They are an inspiration to us all, as are the men and women who continue to protect Americans from fire and other emergencies.●

MOTHER KATHARINE DREXEL: A TEACHER TO SOME, A SAINT TO MANY

● Mr. BREAUX. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of Mother Katharine Drexel. Born into one of the wealthiest families in America in 1858, Mother Katharine turned down a life of privilege to start the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in 1891. She dedicated her life to building a brighter future for underprivileged African-American and Native American children.

In honor of her hard work and dedication to the disadvantaged and disenfranchised, on October 1—just 45 years after her death—Pope John Paul II canonized Mother Katharine into sainthood, the highest recognition a Catholic can receive. She is the fifth American to reach this honor, and only the second who was born in America.

The prestigious Xavier University of Louisiana owes its entire existence to Mother Katharine Drexel. When founded in New Orleans in 1925, Xavier's mission was to prepare its students for positions of leadership. Today, Xavier is widely recognized for sending more African-Americans to medical school